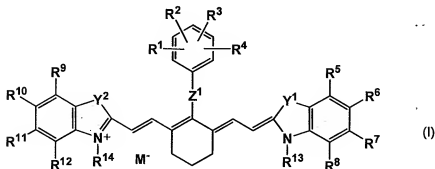


ABSTRACT

A fluorescent probe which specifically and efficiently traps nitrogen monoxide, zinc ion etc. to emit fluorescence is provided.

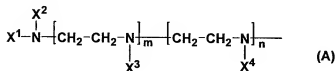
A compound represented by the following general formula (I):

[Formula 1]



[wherein R¹ and R² represent hydrogen atom, or a group represented by the following formula (A):

[Formula 2]



(wherein X¹ to X⁴ represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group, or a protective group for amino group, and m and n represent 0 or 1); R³ and R⁴ represent hydrogen atom, a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, or a C₁₋₆ alkoxy group; R⁵ to R¹² represent hydrogen atom, sulfo group, phospho group, a halogen atom, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group; R¹³ and R¹⁴ represent a C₁₋₁₈ alkyl group; Z¹ represents oxygen atom, sulfur atom, or ·N(R¹⁵)· (wherein R¹⁵ represents hydrogen atom, or a C₁₋₆ alkyl group); Y¹ and Y² represent ·C(=O)·, ·C(=S)·, or ·C(R¹⁶)(R¹⁷)· (wherein R¹⁶ and R¹⁷ represent a C₁₋₆ alkyl group); and M⁻ represents a counter ion in a number required for neutralizing the charge).